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SENIOR PLAY PRESENTATION TO COME SOON

March 12th and 13th Chosen For Performance.

A CERTAIN SUCCESS.

Tickets To Be Placed on Sale In a Few Days.

The announcement that the Senior Play will be held this year for the first time since the early years of the war is making the students who remember those days feel as if college activities were once more on a proper basis. In the good old days the Senior Play was the big social event of the season when all of the students dug up their theatre togs and imported their best girls from the home town.

As was the custom in the past years, the play will be given two nights in succession. It is an understood thing that the students should be allowed to secure all of the seats for one of the evenings, while the second performance is for the graduates and friends of students who may wish to attend. The play to be presented this year is Sir Arthur Wing Pinero's "The Weaker Sex," and will be played on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 12 and 13.

The trouble in past years was that a sufficient amount of people could not be accommodated in the hall of the Royal Victoria College, and that will most likely be the case again this year. However, it has been found too hard for the students taking part in the play to give performances for more than two nights, and the students securing the tickets at the earliest opportunity will be the only ones able to attend.

The graduates have always taken the opportunity presented by the performance of the Senior Play to have a reunion, and many of them have already been making inquiries about the play this year. Many of them have not the opportunity of learning about the dates, however, and have asked to be informed of the time chosen. It is impossible to communicate with all of them, and the only means of giving the information is through the medium of the students.

The play has most likely been seen by some of the students, or at least by some of the graduates. It was originally played with Mr. and Mrs. Kendall in the principal roles, and was received with great enthusiasm in both England and America. The plot is very interesting, and holds the interest of the audience from the opening of the play until the curtain drops at the end of the last act.

Because of the fact that there was a great deal of enthusiasm about the production of the play this year, it has been comparatively easy to prepare for the performances, and the committee in charge are confident that it will prove a great success.

Announcements will be made in advance as to the time when the tickets are going on sale, so that everyone will be aware of the fact and will not be disappointed when the seats are sold out. It is expected that they will be placed on sale at convenient places within the next few days.

COMPETITION NEARING FOR INDOOR CUP

Wicksteed Trophy To Be Competed For on March 12-13.

VERY IMPORTANT.

Includes All Forms of Indoor Work.

The first special practice for the Wicksteed Gymnastic competition was well attended yesterday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium.

The Wicksteed Competition is one of the classical and historic athletic events in the University. It embraces all types of indoor work, and includes swimming, gymnastics, apparatus work, gymnastic dancing and drill, fence vault and potato race. The apparatus work consists of movements on the horizontal bars, both high and low, the horse, and parallel bars. Some movements are "set," while there are in all cases opportunities for the student artist, as some movements are "voluntary."

All the scoring for the competition is on a point basis, so that students who are strong on gymnastics and weak on athletics will have an equal chance with the man who is good on the athletic events and not so good on the apparatus. Some of the work in the drill and dance will be given for the first time the day of the contest, so that although a severe test, it will be equal for all.

Yesterday afternoon, Wilf Werry went over the prescribed work on the apparatus and demonstrated the movements that will be used at the competition. Time is short. The date has been set for March 12-13, and if intending competitors are to bet the most out of the time, they should take particular note of the fact that special practice hours are arranged for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 4 to 6 p.m. On Tuesday next, Mr. Miller will be on hand at 5 p.m. to coach the competitors in the drill and dance. He will assist Art Walsh and Wilf Werry in preparing the men for the competition.

A record entry is anticipated, and judging by the interest now being displayed there should be the keenest kind of competition. A list of the requirements is here published:

50 Yards Swim. — Competitors are awarded points according to the time made. (Maximum 100.)
Gymnastic Dancing. — 100 marks.
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Life will replace Charlie Hebert as leader of the negative, owing to the fact that the latter has been unexpectedly called out of town.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Henry Echenberg, has held several practices, and is primed in all the latest music. This assures a delightful evening to all those who enjoy dancing. With a good orchestra, and the ballroom of the Union, there is no doubt that this section of the varied programme will be an entire success.

Dr. Villard, whose speeches are always a delight, will be present and will say a few words, which, to those who have heard him, is sufficient. Miss Tourin, the honorary president of the Society Francaise, will address the meeting, it is hoped.

Arrangements have been completed with Mr. Price to have a buffet supper served.

The invitation to the Societe Francaise includes all members of that society, whether active members or not, to the number of fifty. So all that is necessary is to have a full turnout of all French "enthusiasts."

The Time: To-night at 8.00 o'clock.
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All out, and make this a gala night!

ELIMINATIONS OF B., W. & F. BIG SUCCESS

Teams Chosen For Assault-at-Arms.

FAST WORK SHOWN.

Harmony Dance Orchestra In Attendance.

A great deal of speed and skill was displayed in the boxing and wrestling contests last night, and in several cases some very spectacular work was performed. The bouts were witnessed by an enthusiastic audience, which considerably exceeded in numbers the attendance of the previous night. The decisions, the few exceptions, were very close, and in several cases an extra round was called for by the judges.

The referees, Fred Roberts in boxing and Frank Saxon in wrestling, performed excellent service, and turned their long experience to good account in the interests of the club. A vote of thanks is also due the judges, Messrs. Hughes, Long and Hamilton in boxing, and Messrs. Hamilton and Egan in wrestling, for their very efficient service. Mr. Long, honorary instructor of the fencing class, was present to referee the foil and epee bouts. Mr. Long deserves great credit for his untiring zeal in the interests of the club, which has done so much to advance its efficiency. The fencing bouts clearly proved that some very excellent work has been done by the class during the year.

The Harmony Dance Orchestra was in attendance while the preliminaries were being arranged and entertained the audience with some well chosen numbers.

The following is a summary of the bouts:

Reid vs. McIntosh.
115 lbs., Wrestling.—This bout was an exhibition only, as Reid was out of his weight, McIntosh being one hundred and twenty-five pounds. Some very fast and skillful work was done, however, and the round was fairly even until near the end, when McIntosh secured a fall.

Montgomery vs. Mader.
135 lbs., Wrestling.—The first round opened by a few seconds' sparring without coming to the mat. Both men soon went down, however, and the work proved fairly even throughout. Montgomery kept the aggressive and won the decision on points.

Felding vs. Orlando.
Fencing.—This was an exhibition bout of foil fencing, and proved very fast and spectacular.

McCulloch vs. Craik.
135 lbs., Boxing.—Some very hard fighting was done on both sides. McCulloch was on the aggressive during the first round, and landed a good many telling blows. Craik rallied in the second, and for a while the fighting was fairly even. In the third round both men fought hard, but Craik was tiring fast, and the decision finally went to McCulloch on points.

Mirsky vs. Stone.
105 lbs., Boxing.—This bout proved very fast and fairly even from the start. Stone had considerable advantage in reach, but Mirsky did some

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IS STUDENT BODY REALLY APATHETIC?

Only One Nomination Received, and List Closes Monday.

It is to be deplored that so little apparent interest is being taken by the student body in the important subject of nominations for the principal offices of the chief clubs of the University. Up to date but one nomination has been received. Positively none will be taken after five o'clock Monday. If all the nominations are not in within the specified time, a very muddled state of affairs will arise. This will be due only to neglect on the part of the students. It is up to them now to prevent the occurrence of this condition. The time indeed is short, but the matter is not one which requires a great deal of time. The necessary work can be accomplished in the period before 5 p.m. Monday if the students will only set themselves to the task at once. Don't leave it until absolutely the last minute. DO IT NOW.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1920.

THE DICTATION METHOD

Although we have in the past made reference to the system of dictating lecture-notes on more than one occasion, a letter appearing in the Correspondence columns of to-day's "Daily" prompts us to take up the cudgels once again on behalf of the party of reform. The subject is a delicate one, and although it is felt that criticism of those older and presumably more experienced than ourselves should not be indulged in unduly, yet we cannot but feel that out of all fairness to a long-suffering student-body it should be given immediate and serious consideration.

Notes as such may certainly be of value, either for briefly summing up a lecture or portion of a lecture, or for the convenience of the professor in transmitting information which has been but recently discovered and is not to be found in any works of reference. With the note plain and unadorned therefore we have no quarrel. But we do object when the system of giving out occasional notes is expanded out of all sense of fitness of proportion into one of mere mechanical dictation throughout the hour. Doubtless dictation too has certain intrinsic values of its own, but unfortunately they are of a kind that would be more fitting for a business-college than for an academic institution. But while the advantages of the dictation method are of no value to the student in his university career its obvious disadvantages are many and harmful. What possible benefit or clear consecutive knowledge of the subject can the student possibly derive from copying down a long list of facts at breakneck speed? After all the one aim of the professor should be to make the student think and to inspire him with the desire to delve more deeply into his subject. What thought or inspiration can be derived from the mere taking of notes? After a lecture-course given by the dictation method the student is usually inspired only with profound apathy and the painful consciousness of chronic mental indigestion. The recognized modern way of teaching the theoretical part of any subject is to encourage the student to read up the subject in the text-book or works of reference, and to use the lecture-room solely for the purpose of elucidation and outline, with the addition perhaps of the mechanics of teaching in the case of the elementary portion of a subject.

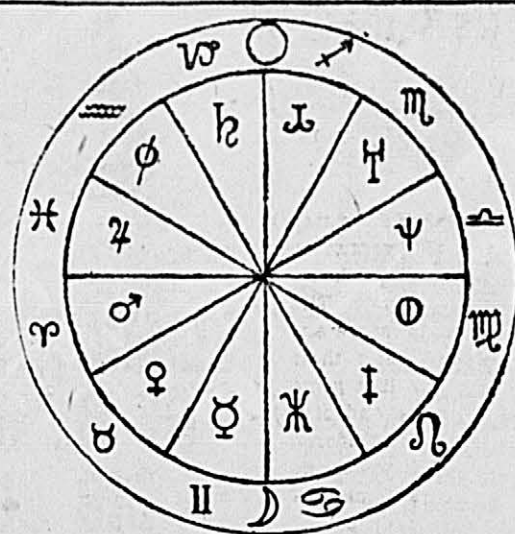
If the great majority of the members of the teaching staff of this university adhered to the dictation method, we should naturally pause and cast about for unknown merits hidden from all except the most learned. But this is far from being the case, and thus the student cannot but feel the keenest indignation at seeing his erstwhile interest in a subject or his hopes of a promising career in danger of annihilation at the hands of an unflinching minority of the old school, whom he encounters at every turn. There are doubtless a few highly technical subjects where a fairly considerable amount of dictation is necessary, but their number would not seriously inconvenience anyone. What historian or writer has ever achieved distinction except by reading or thinking? Yet we find those who advocate the teaching of certain subjects by what is familiarly known as the "gramophone" method. If the advocates of such a system cannot agree to change, let the authorities at least make provision for the printing and distributing of such notes as are considered indispensable among the students at the beginning of the session, thus doing away with an unparadiseable waste of time.

Only a few centuries ago the teaching of philosophy and classics was considered ample for the curriculum of the up-to-date university. Times have changed greatly since then, and co-operation not spoon-feeding is the key-note of the present-day university. If McGill is to maintain her present position—and any other is unthinkable—something must be done to eliminate the everlasting irritation and sense of utter waste caused by the dictation method.

HAIL "TOMMY" CHURCH

Word has been received from Toronto to the effect that His Worship Mayor Church of that city intends to entertain the McGill Water Polo team during its stay in the Queen City this week. This will not surprise the members of those teams which have already had occasion to meet Varsity on her own grounds, for not a Red and White aggregation has left Toronto this year without having met and having been the guest of "Tommy" Church. McGill surely owes a debt of gratitude to the man who, notwithstanding his great burden of work, has found time to prove his interest in all things collegiate and intercolle-

ASTROLOGY



The accompanying diagram illustrates the Sign Rulership of the various planets. The circle is divided into twelve portions corresponding to the houses of the horoscope. At the mid-heaven or south of the figure is the symbol for the Sun. Following round the circumference in the direction of the hands of a clock we see in succession the symbols of Sagittarius, Scorpio, Libra, Virgo, Leo, Cancer, the Moon at the Nadir, then Gemini, Taurus, Aries, Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn. Opposite each sign are the symbols of the planets which rule them. Five of these are planets not yet discovered with the telescope, and uncertainty as to their position throws many difficulties in the astrologer's way.

Places, through which the Sun will be passing from 19th February to 20th March, is ruled by one of the known planets—Jupiter, the biggest and brightest of the Solar System. The sign Pisces is mystic and receptive, and those born with this sign rising are very sensitive to their surroundings. Their sense of the dramatic, however, cheers them up in periods of misfortune and depression. Those with the 12th degree of Pisces afflicted are usually very shy, subject to chills and cold feet (both metaphorically and physically). The 26th degree, on the other hand, is a degree of warmth, warm-heartedness and love of mankind in general. The Sun is in the 12th degree on 2nd March and the 26th degree on the 16th March. The 16th degrees of Pisces and Virgo are degrees of symbolism. They are found in the horoscope of ministers of the Christian religion, which is honey-combed with symbolism in parables. It is a strange coincidence that the Virgin Mary's birthday is celebrated on September 8th, the day on which the Sun

is near the 16th degree of Virgo. It with this symbolic degree is combined the degree of visual form Gemini and Sagittarius 3, the symbolism such as that of the Roman Catholic religion is the result. The Sun is in Pisces 16 on March 6th.

With regard to medical questions, the 18th degree of Pisces is always one of the degrees heavily afflicted in cases of epilepsy and in certain types of nervous tension.

The sign Pisces is of special interest at present, owing to its association with mystical and occult matters. Mediums usually have the 23rd degree prominent, and if afflicted by Mars and Saturn, it causes hallucinations and mania. Selenitic inquiry into the occult, however, belongs to a different category. Such inquirers are only rarely mediumistic themselves. The sixth degrees of Taurus and Scorpio and their rulers, Venus and Uranus, have probably most to do with this, combined with the 27th degrees of Aries and Libra. Uranus is now in the sign Pisces, and it will be 54 years before it again makes its entry. On the 23rd March, Venus will be in the 6th degree of Pisces in opposition to Saturn in the 6th degree of Virgo and sextile to Mars in Scorpio. On the 5th, 6th and 7th of April, Mars will be in close sextile to Saturn from the 6th degree of Scorpio, and during May, June, July, there will be a very favorable influence towards occult research when Uranus also is in benefic aspect to the 6th degree of Scorpio.

An example horoscope of interest to students in this connection is that of W. T. Stead, born in the morning of 5th July, 1848. He has Mars in Taurus 5 sextile Mercury in Cancer 5 and Neptune in Pisces 5, while Uranus is in Aries 26.

ELIMINATIONS OF B.W.&F. BIG SUCCESS

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good work in in-fighting, and landed a good many body punches. No decision was given.

McCaw vs. Mott.

145 lbs., Wrestling.—The first round was very even, and very little advantage could be discerned on either side. In the second round, McCaw started fast and secured a fall in the first minute. During the rest of the round, however, Mott was on the aggressive, and an extra three minutes was called for in order to render a decision. McCaw finally won on points.

McTaggart vs. Winslow.

125 lbs., Boxing.—Another exhibition of fast and scientific work. McTaggart did some hard hitting during the first round. In the second round, however, Winslow landed some strong face and body punches, and evened up the score. The third round was fairly even throughout, but McTaggart was awarded the decision on an extra round.

Ward vs. Hague.

145 lbs., Boxing.—Ward opened the first round with a whirlwind of blows, and landed a knockout in the first half-minute. Hague was hopelessly out-boxed from the start.

Feilding vs. Orlando.

Fencing.—An exhibition of epee fencing. It was very fast and extremely interesting to watch.

Adams vs. Armstrong.

155 lbs., Wrestling.—Both men came to the mat quickly and started some hard and speedy work. Little advantage could be seen at first on either side. During the second minute, however, Adams broke for a clinch, brought Armstrong down quickly in a roll, and secured a fall. The second round ended with little advantage to either, and an extra three minutes was called for. In this round Adams got the decision on points.

Long vs. Echlin.

155 lbs., Boxing.—In the first round Echlin started with fast blows to the face, and although Long fought hard, maintained the lead until the gong. Long rallied in the second round, and

hard blows were landed on both sides. The round closed with Echlin on the aggressive. The third round was hard fought, but it was evident from the start that Long was outclassed. Echlin won on points.

Badger vs. Heney.

Heavyweight Boxing.—This bout proved more scientific than speedy, and little close up fighting was done. A good many blows were landed, however, and during the first round Badger appeared to have the lead. Heney rallied in the second, and the round closed fairly even. In the third round Badger was awarded the decision on points.

The following men will represent the Club at the Assault-at-Arms:

Boxing—Mirsky

Kellner
McTaggart
McCulloch
Ward
Echlin
Badger

Wrestling—Reid

Rhind
Montgomery
McCaw
Adams

Fencing—Feilding

Orlando

PATIENT IMPROVES.

The condition of Dr. Otto Maassa, who was injured by an explosion a few days ago continues to improve, according to the latest reports from the Royal Victoria Hospital.

MACCABEAN CIRCLE.

A special meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 29th, 1920, at 3 p.m., in the Royal Arcanum Chambers, 592 Union Avenue. Dr. Leo Wolman, of the New School of Social Science, New York, will speak on "The Economic Position of the Jews in the Western World," and Chancellor Henry Hurwitz will also be present. All members are urged to attend.

giate by continually thinking of the comfort and the entertainment of visiting teams.

"Tommy" Church has cultivated the habit it seems of placing at the disposal of McGill men automobiles in which they might see the city of which he holds the reins of government; of reserving for them seats at the leading theatres in the city and finally of meeting personally and acquiring the friendship of every man from our University. During their sojourn in Toronto he is ever among them enquiring after their success, their health and all things of interest to them.

We cannot in this article do justice to the act and personality which he employs in all his dealings with college students. Suffice it to say that no McGill man has ever felt the least bit ill at ease in his presence, and all who have experienced it once look forward to the time when they will again be face to face with the mayor of Toronto.

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COMPETITION NEARING FOR INDOOR CUP

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Selected steps from the gymnastic dances given in regular class work.

Drill.—100 marks. Selected movements from regular class work.

220 Yards Potato Race.—Competitors are awarded points according to the time made. (Maximum 100.) Boxes

2 ft. high, 12 inches square, 4 inches deep, 31 feet apart (outside), eight potatoes.

Fence Vault.—Competitors are awarded points according to the height vaulted. (Maximum 100.)

Low Horizontal Bar.—50 marks, 10 for each set movement, 15 for each voluntary movement.

(1) Right knee mount to side riding rest, R. ½ R., to front rest, back body circle, slow forward circle to mat.

(2) Backward body circle to front rest, short underswing dismount.

(3) Voluntary.

(4) Voluntary.

Parallels.—30 marks. 10 for each movement, 15 for each voluntary movement.

(1) Run, jump to free cross rest middle of bars, intermediate swing front dismount right or left.

(2) At end of bar R. ½ R. to floor, L. ½ L. to floor, to free cross rest at end of bars, outside cross seat on L. bar, travel forward to same seat on R. bar, same to L. bar, rear dismount R. ½ turn L.

(3) Run, jump to free cross rest, centre of bars R. leg ½ L. over L. bar to front leaning rest on both bars, side vault R. to mat.

(4) R. hand on L. bar, ½ turn to free cross rest, backward scissors to cross riding seat, travel forward twice, intermediate swing, rear dismount right ½ turn L.

(5) Free cross rest end of bars, travel forward to middle of bars, ½ turn R. to front rest on R. bar facing out, ½ turn to R. to free cross rest, intermediate swing, high front right, dismount ½ turn L. (Note.—The complete half turn in free cross rest position may be taken on the swing.)

(6) Voluntary.

(7) Voluntary.

Horse.—50 marks. 10 for each movement, 15 for each voluntary movement.

(1) Squat vault to back rest, R. ½ R. L. ½ L., side vault, R. ½ turn R., backward roll.

(2) Right hand on left pommel, R. leg L. circle ½ turn L., R. leg ½ R., R. leg rear vault L. to mat.

(3) Voluntary.

(4) Voluntary.

These requirements apply to the three divisions of the contest, e.g., first year students, second and third year students, and students of the graduating year.

Among those present at yesterday's workout were: Paul Scott, Hastings, Delahay, Ross, R. L. Hamilton, Velasco, Gorman, McPhail, Pishop and Messenger.

The next practice is on Saturday, from 4 to 6. Instructors will be on hand during that time to help anyone either on the apparatus, the drill or dance, or the athletic events. A large turnout is expected.

ORCHESTRA.

The next practice meeting of the Orchestra will be held in the Union on Sunday next, the 29th February, at 9.30 a.m.

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Girls Defeat Sophs. "a La Mode" 3-2.

PEWTRESS STARED.

Handicaps Proved a Great Source of Amusement to Spectators.

More than one Soph met with the surprise of his young life yesterday, when the Mac girls trimmed their team at hockey. As per regulation, the boys wore skirts, sweaters and tams of many hues provided by the girls and played with broom handles and vanity cases.

It is said that vanity applies solely to women, but from all events, observed at yesterday's match. The boys have the girls skinned a mile. They even carried a whole powder box. From time to time when the whistle was blown, each player produced his vanity case and proceeded to apply the whitewash.

The game was really exciting with a line up as follows:

Pewtress.....Centre..... S. Hyde
Winters.....Forward..... C. Hodge
Maw.....Forward..... M. James
Donalds.....Defence..... J. Campbell
Ness.....Defence..... G. Thompson
Lechaine.....Goal..... M. Fowler
Subs—E. Bayley, D. Stark, D. Roberts, H. Agnew, A. Henesey.

Mr. E. Boulden acted as referee. During the first period there was strenuous playing on both sides, but no score resulted. On the second period there were some changes made in the girls line-up, and a score of 2 in favor of the "vanity case users" was gained.

Last but not least was the third period during which the girls evened the score. As a result they played overtime, and in a final scramble the girls scored another point, making it 3-2. Watch out, boys, for the next victims!

LECTURE ON FIELD AMBULANCE TODAY

Lieut.-Col. Charles Vipond, D.S.O., To Speak at New Medical Building.

This afternoon, at 5.15, Lieut.-Col. Charles Vipond, D.S.O., will lecture in the New Medical Building on "The Work of a Field Ambulance in Open Warfare." Col. Vipond was from June, 1916, until April, 1919, attached to the 3rd Canadian Division. He went overseas as an officer in No. 9 Field Ambulance, and rose to the command of this unit.

The Field Ambulance played a most important part throughout the war, but their work was never more appreciated than during the closing stages, when the Hun was being forced backward. Their work then was remarkably good. The manner in which the men were cared for and evacuated will always be a source of wonder to the other troops. Col. Vipond is an officer well qualified

INTERCLASS GAME A SENIOR VICTORY

Score Stood 29-20 Against Freshmen.

That Seniors and Freshmen have a contrasting keenness in sports seemed again in evidence at Macdonald last night. Two weeks ago these teams played an extremely close game of baseball and gave us all sorts of thrills. Last night's game of basketball, although not quite up to the previous baseball game, was up to a standard as to good sport and was keenly contested throughout.

The first half was perhaps anyone's game, for it was neck and neck throughout, and only by a matter of luck did the Seniors nose out an extra basket, ending the half 14-12 in their favor. The half was marked by many fumbles and fouls but nevertheless was quite fast, with a good deal of evidence that there was plenty of determination on both sides.

In the second half the Seniors clearly had the advantage. Their passing was improved, as was also their basket shooting, while the Freshmen seemed to have lost a lot of their pep. Abe Pesner's appearance on the Senior team after a long absence, was indeed for the good for he was responsible for a good share of the Senior's work. Individual playing on either side was not specially marked for all players worked.

Players—Seniors: Pesner, Skinner, Dunsmore, Hay, Hatch. Freshmen: Embrey, Bowen, Hishop, Amarion, Cooper, MacLennan.

McGILL REDS BEAT M. A. A. 16-15

Indoor Baseball Sees Another Win For Red and White.

The McGill "Reds" defeated the M.A.A.A. Baseball team in a very exciting game at the Peel Street Gymnasium last night. In spite of the fact that this was their home game, M. A. A. A. were only able to put six men on the floor. Carter and Parke played a steady game for the home team, while Wilson, Anglin and Jones did some good work for McGill. The score was 16-15, and the line-up was as follows:

McGill.....M.A.A.A.
Anglin.....Catcher..... Glickman
Pilson.....Pitcher..... Carter
Crankshaw.....1st b..... Rosenberg
Cookshutt.....2nd b..... Dawson
McGills.....3rd b..... Parke
Sigler.....Shortstop.....
Zinck.....Field.....
Hibbard.....Field..... Turnbull
Jones.....Field.....

to speak on this subject, as his long experience with a Field Ambulance, and particularly his experience as a commanding officer of such a unit in the period of open warfare will enable him to speak with authority on the question.

All those who have signed up for the Medical Course in the C.O.T.C., as well as all those who wish to hear an exceedingly interesting lecture, are urged to be in the New Medical Building at 5.15 p.m., to-day, to hear Lieut.-Col. Vipond, for whose services in the war the King was pleased to grant the D.S.O.

Correspondence

The Daily is not responsible for the sentiments of letters published in the correspondence columns. Signed communications from graduates, undergraduates and members of the faculties will be placed in print if they are not of too great length.

Correspondents are requested to observe the unwritten law of the newspaper office—that they write upon ONE side of the paper ONLY.

No communication will be admitted in this column without the name of the writer being attached, not necessarily for PUBLICATION.

McGill, 24th February, 1920.
To the Editor, McGill "Daily."

Dear Sir:—

I have followed with extreme interest the extremely intelligent and interesting letters on the question of Lectures and Notes contributed by Mr. E. D. Timmerman and by M.M.M. As a fellow sufferer under the present Tyranny of the Fountain Pen (or should it be Dictatorship?), may I venture to add a very brief contribution to this subject?

There has been recently contributed to these columns a great deal of rather indiscriminate criticism directed against those in positions of authority or otherwise in the public eye. The refutations attempted by the latter have been unfortunately too often arguments ad ignorantiam, challenging the critic instantly to produce a solution to his question, which he might not possess the necessary data to answer. This has caused much valuable advice to be branded as destructive, on the grounds that because an argument has not been answered it is therefore unanswerable. The case in point, however, has been successfully treated in a thoroughly constructive manner and I merely wish to adduce some further arguments in its support.

As an original member of the class of 1917, I might remark that the President of our Second Year in Applied Science suggested to us the advisability of obtaining the lecturer's notes in Surveying and having copies made. This was accomplished with much success, and the lecturer was able to explain at greater length and the class had merely to fill in the diagrams. As this subject, like many others, has to be taught from a textbook published outside of Canada, there were many differences in practice which had practically to be copied out. If these notes had not been provided much useless dictation would have resulted, whereas at the end of the course each member possessed an excellent summary of Canadian practice in surveying, in a readily accessible form.

The difficulty in the way of this method has been chiefly owing to the attitude of certain of the older generation on the teaching staff who consider the process detrimental to the proper study of their subjects.

The contention of these gentlemen is that there is a certain mnemonic value inherent in the act of dictation, or at the least in abstracting. It is claimed that, in the absence of this mechanical stimulus to attention, the student does not concentrate in fact cannot concentrate, sufficiently to grasp the broad principles of the subject. This is said to result in an increased percentage of failures at examination time.

While those who argue this are beyond doubt sincerely convinced of the validity of this reasoning, yet the matter is decidedly open to question. It is possible that there is an underlying fallacy based upon the degree of importance which should be attached to the lecture system. The experience of certain British and foreign universities illustrates this rather clearly as Professor Laski of Harvard has shown in an article reprinted in the "Daily" of 24-2-20.

Before quoting examples, may I draw to your attention, Sir, the fact that one of the functions of a university is to teach the student to think. This point was well emphasized by Mr. Survever, of the Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal, at the recent professional meeting of the Engineering Institute of Canada. He showed that much of the difficulty experienced by students was due to an inability to reason correctly and that the modern systems of education too often resulted in "spoon feeding," that is, in the imperfect assimilation of indifferently comprehended matter prior to examinations. He urged that students be made to use their reasoning powers and that they should be so instructed as to attain this end.

Now, the curriculum of any course is composed of three kinds of information, logical—the exact sciences, systematic—the natural sciences, and didactic—practical subjects which must principally involve memory work, such as history, languages and practical arts. It is a simple problem to inculcate thinking in the exact sciences, the mnemonic value of the stylus is here unchallenged but its best field is the working of examples, which offer the only method of progress.

In the systematic division also, the continual employment of general principles in the solution of problems is essential to a thorough comprehension of the subject. Dr. Rutan has declared most emphatically that Organic Chemistry (to take a single example) is best learned with a pencil.

As far as the didactic branches go, much, possibly all should be kept where it belongs—in works of reference. It seems difficult, however, to avoid the memorizing of some portion

RED AND WHITE TO PLAY RETURN GAME

Varsity To Be the Scene Of Water-Polo Match.

To-morrow night the McGill Water Polo team will journey to Toronto to play Varsity in the second of the home and home games in this sport. The old Red and White ought to score another win against Varsity after their showing last Saturday. In that game McGill came out on the long end of a 7-0 score, which should be considered a sure sign of victory. However, as the old saying goes, "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," so that the McGill team are not going up too confident of the result. Varsity is always hard to beat on their own ground, or rather water in this case, and an attack of over-confidence might mean disaster. But, with the aggregation of players that represents McGill, a Blue and White victory would certainly be a surprise.

The probable line-up will be:

McGill.....Varsity
Walters.....Goal..... Bell
Wiggs.....Defence..... Waldron
Elder.....Defence..... Langford
Flask.....Forward..... Stephenson
Parsons.....Forward..... Lindsay
Winters.....Forward..... Wells
Bastable.....Sub..... Hambly
Laidley.....Sub..... Fitzgerald
Wade.....Sub.....

at least of a mass of uncorrelated facts.

Now the policy at this university, influenced no doubt by the large size of many classes, has been to deliver a number of formal lectures and to insist rigidly upon attendance at them. The subject matter of these lectures consists of an abridgment and compilation of several works in each case, together with explanations where time permitted, with a tacit understanding that "nothing outside lectures" should appear in examination. As the lecturer is usually the examiner, no great complications ensue, but the proceeding smacks of the school room and operates to reduce the intelligence of the class to a dead level.

Many other universities, on the other hand, are simply examining bodies. The University of Oxford, to take an example, maintains a definite standard in each subject and a high one at that. The scope of each subject, and the degree of knowledge and ground to be covered are specified in detail. The student is at liberty to employ any suitable textbook or books, and has to "fag it up" for himself. This inculcates independent thought, and explains the high regard in which Oxford degrees are held. The lectures are purely formal—the actual work is done by the "tutor" who "quizzes" each student and "sets papers" weekly. This system is in vogue at many universities.

The deduction is obvious. Instead of wearisome dictation of matter which can usually be found equally well (if not better) expressed in the excellent textbooks available to-day, let a syllabus (preferably with questions) be prepared showing the scope of the subject and giving any references of value. The lecture period could then be replaced (in the senior years) by a colloquium where questions on difficult portions could be asked and solved pro bono publico. This would set free time for looking up data in the library (which in Science is next to impossible) and the necessity of preparing answers to problems and digging out information would provide the necessary mental discipline. In addition, the present hours of lectures, admittedly excessive, could be curtailed and more time permitted for athletics.

I might add that this has been tried out by a number of the more enterprising lecturers with instant success. The experiment has been popular with the student, and has worked with classes of even thirty or forty. There seems no adequate reason why dictation at a rate ruinous to the best handwriting should continue to exist, nor why this exercise should be rendered compulsory under the pretext of making the lazy industrious. It is too closely allied to "keeping the whole school in" to punish one boy.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
H. WYATT JOHNSTON.

To the Editor, McGill "Daily."

Dear Sir:—

Your correspondent "H. R. F." has made a mistake when he says the "Daily" made an announcement that the Hospitality Committee at Strathcona Hall would be on duty from 4 to 6 p.m. every Saturday. The hours arranged for in the notice he refers to were as follows:

Friday—5 to 6 p.m.
Saturday—5 to 6 p.m.

For the last few weeks it has been exceedingly difficult for the Committee to be on hand for the full hour on the Saturday, but no intimation was made to them of any later enquiries.

The scheme is still in full working order and students calling in Room E at the above mentioned hours to-day and to-morrow will find the Committee right there and busy. There have been considerable additions to the list of families, and the "Y" intends to continue this plan of Hospitality not only to the close of this session but also throughout future ones.

A. L. RICHARDS, Chairman.
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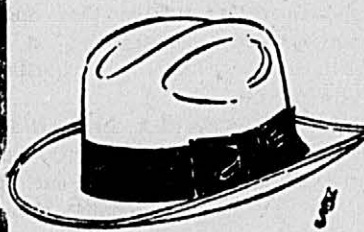
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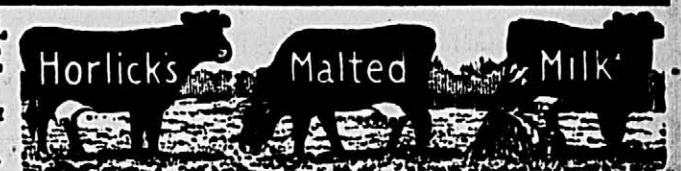
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COMMERCIAL SOCIETY HOLD BIG MEETING

Much Discussion About the
Commercial Course.

VIEWS AIRED.

Suggestions To Be Sent
Through Executive To
the Authorities.

A very successful meeting was held last night by the Commercial Society at the Union. About fifty members were present. Mr. O'Meara, acting as secretary for the evening, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted without discussion. He then read Mr. McCullough's letter, in which Mr. McCullough mentioned his pleasure in giving the cheque for \$10 which he enclosed. He also gave his good wishes to the society.

It was decided that the society hold another meeting this session, and that a dinner should be had before the close. It was moved and seconded that the election of officers should take place in spring instead of in the fall, and that the incoming first year men should elect their representatives in the fall. This motion included that the present statute be amended to conform with the motion mentioned above. This was carried after much discussion.

The Commercial Society passed a motion that it place on record its sympathy with their honorary president, Mr. Sugars, who is ill, and that the society desire to express to him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Then followed a serious and pointed discussion of the Commercial Course. Among the speakers who took part in this discussion and who aired their views very forcibly on the various subjects taught were: Mr. A. W. Johnson, W. K. Rutherford, Mr. Levitt, the chairman, Mr. Philipson, Mr. Cohen, Mr. W. Verry, Mr. W. Shapira, J. Shapira and Miss Dougall, of the Junior Year. Miss Dougall in particular gave some very pointed remarks on the course which were very much appreciated by all, judging by the loud applause which followed their conclusion.

Mr. W. K. Rutherford, who spoke first, gave some very interesting and forceful points. His views were shared by many, and many of them are to be included in the petition to be sent to the authorities.

A motion was passed that these suggestions should be embodied in a petition and sent to the authorities through the executive.

Just before adjourning the meeting, Mr. O'Meara emphasized the fact that first year men should find out all about the candidates nominated before casting their votes.

INDOOR BASEBALL PRACTICE TODAY

Indoor Baseball practice at 5.45 p.m. sharp in the High School Gym. The following men are urgently requested to be present as McGill has entered two teams in the City League which must be found immediately:

Fourth Year Science

Seath.

First Year Law.

McLaughlin and Wilson.

First Year Commerce.

Wallace, Cockshut, Jones and Aare-

son.

Second Year Science.

Wilson and Thompson.

First Year Med.

Henny and Fozzart.

Second and Third Year Law.

Anglin, Kearney, Robertson, Crank-

shaw, Foster, Sigler, McGilla, Hib-

bard and Gallery.

Immediately following the practice

the meeting which was postponed from

Monday evening will be held, an exe-

cutive appointed, also a committee re-

presentative of the Faculties to deter-

mine the personnel of the teams.

The club will then apply for admis-

sion to the Athletic Association.

Besides the above mentioned all in-

terested are urged to be present.

R. V. C. UNDERGRADUATES.

The annual Y.W.C.A. Financial Cam-

paign for raising money to support a

Y.W.C.A. Secretary in Ceylon, will

commence next week. In former

years this campaign was combined

with that of the Y.M.C.A., and during

the week of the campaign there were

Bean Suppers, eloquent speeches, il-

lustrated addresses, and other means

of informing the students why the money

was wanted, what it was for, and

where it was going.

This year, however, the men have

conducted their own campaign, and it

has been decided to make the Y.W.C.A.

Financial Campaign one organized and

executed entirely by the girls. For

this reason every R.V.C. Undergradu-

ate is requested to think of her respon-

sibility in this matter, and do all in

her power to make the campaign a

greater success than formerly when

there were so many external aids.

The days set apart for the campaign

are Wednesday, March 3rd to Friday,

March 5th. Watch the "Daily" and

R.V.C. Notices Boards for further in-

formation.

JUNIORS PLAY WITH LOYOLA THIS EVENING

Close Game Expected Be-
tween Teams.

FINAL GAME.

McGill Will Send Up Strong-
est Team of the Season.

To-night at 7.30, the Junior hockey team meets Loyola in the play-off for the championship of the league. The teams are evenly matched and a close game is expected. The game will take place immediately before the City League final between Victoria and M.A.A. A., so that spectators of the Junior fixture will be assured of seeing two good games.

The Juniors have suffered throughout the season from lack of support by the student body, but in spite of this, they have managed by good work to get into the finals. Surely this evening they will have a large crowd on hand to cheer them to victory in the deciding game for the league title.

Several changes in the line-up have been made since the last game, and the team that will meet Loyola this evening, will be the strongest one that has represented McGill in Junior hockey this year. Emo, the brilliant stick-handled, who has been unable to play before through illness, has now recovered sufficiently to act as substitute in to-night's game. Gray, who played his first game for the team against M.A.A.A. last week, showed up very well, and is a great asset to the College team.

The team which will play to-night is as follows:

Goal—Moran.
Defence—McNider.
Defence—Johnson.
Forward—Stevens.
Forward—Plow.
Forward—Gray.
Sub.—Emo.
Sub.—Chisholm.

NOTICES

Members of executives and others are requested to look under this heading for notices of all futurities. Each notice is absolutely official. The Editor will not be responsible for errors in articles unless the time and date are written out in full when they are sent in.

INFORMAL DANCE TICKETS.
The tickets for the Informal Dance to be held on Friday, March 5th, will go on sale next Monday at 1.15 p.m. This will be the last informal dance of the season.

TRACK TEAM.
Will call the men who have received pictures of the Track Team, and have yet to pay for them, call at the Union at 5.00 o'clock this afternoon. There are a few pictures still uncalled for.

E. T. CLUB EXECUTIVE.
There will be a meeting of the Club Executive on Monday, March 1st, at five-thirty, in the Union.

LAW BANQUET.
Tickets for the banquet which is to be held at the St. Lawrence Hall on Monday, March 1st, are now obtainable from class representatives.

CHESS CLUB.
The following team will represent McGill in the chess match with the North End Club to-night. The game will be held in the North Branch Y. M.C.A., corner St. Viateur and Park Avenues, at 8.30 p.m. Spectators welcomed.

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McGill Meets St. Gabriel At
Victoria Rink, 3 p.m.

On Saturday afternoon the McGill Intermediate Hockey team will play the final match for the championship of the Montreal Intermediate Amateur Hockey League. The game will be played at the Victoria Rink, at three o'clock, against the St. Gabriel team, the winners of the outdoor section of the league. The St. Gabriels qualified for the play-off by defeating the Montreal West outfit on the Campus rink, Wednesday night, by the close score of 3-2.

The match should prove very interesting, as a splendid brand of hockey will be displayed. A large crowd of Red and White supporters should be on hand to cheer the team along. McGill has reason to be proud of the Intermediate team, who won the championship of the indoor section of the league without suffering a single defeat throughout the entire season. This is a truly splendid record, which reflects great credit both on the players and on the coach. Should the Red and White aggregation pull off another victory, they will have the right to challenge for the Allan Cup, which is emblematic of the Amateur Championship of Canada. This adds still more interest to an already very important match, and should serve as an added impetus to rooters. So, all up, McGill, at the Victoria Rink on Saturday at three o'clock.

sics Laboratory book from the "Lab." yesterday, bearing the name of J. T. Shillington, Arts '23, please leave it with Art, Stagg of the Arts Building.

FOUND.
Fountain pen, on McGill Campus. Apply Janitor Arts Building.

LOST.
In Redpath Library, a black lynx muff. Finder kindly return to R.V.C. Porter.

OLD SCOUTS CLUB.
Members and others interested are reminded that the annual meeting of the club will take place at Strathcona Hall on Thursday evening, March 4th, at 7.30 p.m.

As the election of officers will take place a large attendance is desired. Further information will be found in future notices in the "Daily."

DENTAL DINNER.
The annual dinner of the Dental Society will be held in the Windsor Hotel, March 11th, at eight p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the Secretary of the Society.

RIFLE CLUB.
The second and last shoot of the season will be held at the 65th Armoury, 503 Henri Julien Avenue, on Friday, Feb. 27th, at 4 p.m. Those who wish to come must have signed up on the Union Notice Board before Wednesday at 5 p.m. Only those who were present at the last shoot may come this time. A charge of 15 cents will be made.

J. L. BIELER, Secretary.

LOST.
Will the person who found a mahogany T square with name (J. Blackall) on it, please return same to Janitor, Science Building.

LOST.
Between College and Lorne Avenue, one Leather Loose Leaf Note Book, 8 p.m.—24-2-20. Will finder leave at Union, please.

LOST—A CLASS-PIN.
In the Union, between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m., an Arts '22 class-pin belonging to T. Goubjila. Pin is in form of shield, with college crest and name of class on it. Owner would appreciate return of same, and would ask finder to leave it with Art. Stagg, at the Arts Bldg.

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